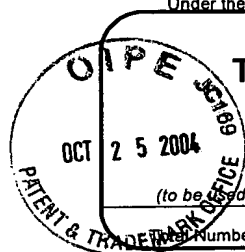


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LETTER

Sir:

This paper is being filed concurrently with payment of the issue fee to clarify the small entity status of the above-noted application.

As the US Patent and Trademark Office is aware, this application was filed on February 25, 2002 with a claim for small entity status noted on the Fee Transmittal. Applicant also paid the required small entity fees at the time of filing. The payment of these small entity fees was noted on the Filing Receipt, but the actual status of the application as a "SMALL ENTITY" was not noted on the Filing Receipt.

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At no time during prosecution of this application did Applicant withdraw the claim to small entity status or inadvertently pay large entity fees. In fact, Applicants are still entitled to pay the small entity issue fee for this application, even though the same is not noted in the Issue Fee Transmittal Letter enclosed herewith.

Therefore, Applicants kindly request that the USPTO make note of the entitlement of this application to small entity status, even though the USPTO had not indicated the same on the Filing Receipt.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees to our Deposit Account Number 08-3040.

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